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TAGS: MARR, MASS, MU, US, UK

SUBJECT: OMANI PRESS TREATMENT OF TOW, MASIRAH ISSUES

1. MUSCAT'S WEEKLY AL-WATTAN OF JAN. 30 CARRIED ARTICLE, BASED LARGELY IF NOT EXCLUSIVELY ON FONMIN ZAWAWI'S LONDON TIMES INTERVIEW, DEALING WITH DEFENSE-RELATED MATTERS WHICH AROSE DURING SULTAN'S VISIT TO U.S. ARTICLE REPORTED PROVISION OF "10 TOW LAUNCHERS AND 120 ROCKETS". ALSO NOTED THAT USG HAD REQUESTED OCCASIONAL USE OF MASIRAH, THAT OMANGOV HAD NOT YET REPLIED, BUT "IN VIEW OF GOOD RELATIONS BETWEEN TWO COUNTRIES I (I.E. ZAWAWI) FORESEE NO PROBLEMS..." ZAWAWI FURTHER PARAPHRASED AS NOTING THAT U.S. WOULD HARDLY NEED MASIRAH AS BASE FROM WHICH TO LAUNCH ACTION AGAINST OIL PRODUCERS -- IF THAT WAS A SERIOUS OBJECTIVE.

2. IN SAME ARTICLE, AL-WATTAN REPORTED THAT LONDON TALKS, AIMED AT ASSURING CONTINUATION OF BRITISH AID, HAD MET WITH SUCCESS.

3. THIS IS FIRST DETAILED ACCOUNT OF THESE MATTERS TO APPEAR IN LOCAL PRESS.  
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